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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 16, 1998, and prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified reissue application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 27, 52, 73, and 97 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 22, 51, 68, and 96 as follows:

22. An assembly for insertion into a body passageway comprising:

an expandable member having an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage; and

a tissue disposed adjacent to the interior surface of the expandable member.

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